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166. A method of controlling the field of view of any camera in a system including at least one camera, an automatic control system for controlling the field of view of the camera and at least two control devices being movable respectively by at least two users independently of the automatic control system and the at least one camera to a selected location capable of sending commands to the automatic control system for controlling the field of view of the at least one camera comprising the steps of:

A. associating each of at least two control devices with respective at least two users at respective locations selected by the respective at least two users;

B. associating at least one field of view of the at least one camera with a respective control device at a location selected by a respective of at least two users;

C. remembering each field of view of at least one camera associated in step B;

D. automatically identifying by the automatic control system the field of view variable of the camera the control device associated with variables remembered in step C;

E. issuing a command from the control device identified in step D; and

F. automatically enabling the field of view of the camera to the field of view remembered in step C and associated with the control device identified in step D.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention over the cited art of record as of the interview summary of 2/17/00 (Paper #13).

None of the art of Fabris et al, Parker et al, with or without the newly cited art define or suggest the presently claimed invention. For example, in Claim 109 the steps, inter alia, "A" and "B" are not found in any appropriate combination of the references.

A telephone interview is requested prior to any final action on the merits.

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